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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKMENISTAN DELIVERED, STILL NO MEETING

REF: A. (A) STATE 191308

¶B. (B) ASHGABAT 1142

1C. (C) 11-27-06 ASHGABAT-DC OFFICIAL INFORMAL

- 1.(SBU) As proposed ref c, ON November 28 post submitted ref b demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, requesting a follow-up meeting between the Charge and Minister of Foreign Affairs Rashit Meredov for the week of November 27. Throughout the week Charge has repeated the request to America's Desk Chief Serdar Bashimov, As of COB local time on December 1, Meredov has not agreed to a meeting nor has post received any written response to ref b demarche. Charge expects to see Meredov at a Romanian National Day reception the evening of December 1 and will inquire about the status of the demarche.
- 2.(SBU) Should Meredov refuse to meet with Charge on this issue, embassy would like to be advised on any upcoming USG high-level visit requests, so that she can tell Meredov the demarche will be raised with the president.